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"Sir, the honorable Senator from South Carolina has also told us that so long as the Government itself receives and pays away bank notes, it is an insult to the understanding to discountenance the pernicious tendency and the unconstitutional character of the United States; that the constitutionality of the bank of the United States; that while the Government, by so doing, treats bank notes as money, it not only has the right that it is duty bound to incorporate a bank of the United States; and that the question of the constitutionality of such an institution can fairly arise only when the Government shall refuse to receive anything but gold and silver in payment of the public dues. Without stopping at present, to examine the correctness of the reasoning of the honorable Senator (reassuring, which to my mind is entirely unsatisfactory, inasmuch as it makes a great question of constitutional power to depend, not on the fixed and immutable provisions of the Constitution itself, but, in effect, on the mere will of the Government, as it may happen to be), I may, sir, to add a particular thing,) without stopping at present, to examine this reasoning, at present, I may say to the honorable Senator, that, seeing so many other gentlemen, himself among the number, while admitting the vital impor-

